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SUBJECT: INDONESIA GRAPPLES WITH INTERNAL CHINESE QUESTION

1. FOLLOWING PRESENTS THE SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION OF
JAKARTA A-79 WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES:

2. IN GOI VIEW CHINESE MINORITY SUSCEPTIBLE TO SUBVERSION,
ALTHOUGH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO FOREIGNERS SLIGHT.

GOI IS ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH SITUATION THROUGH
ASSIMILATION AND SURVEILLANCE/CONTROL. ASSIMILATION

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POLICY HELD BACK BY TRADITIONAL ANTIPATHY REINFORCED BY

WELL-ESTABLISHED ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PRIBUMI
(NATIVE INDONESIAN) LEADERSHIP AND CHINESE IN WHICH FORMER
BENEFIT FROM LATTER'S AMBIVALENT STATUS. GOI IS EMPHASIZING
SURVEILLANCE/CONTROL WHERE IT BELIEVES IT HAS MODERATE
SUCCESS. SHORT TERM PROGNOSIS IS THAT WHEN, FOR FOREIGN
POLICY REASONS, SUHARTO DECIDES HE MUST REOPEN RELATIONS
WITH PRC, ASSIMILATION OF CHINESE WILL HAVE BEEN
INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF THEIR
LOYALTY, WHILE EFFECTIVENESS OF SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL WILL
BE QUESTIONABLE. IN LONGER TERM, IN ABSENCE GENUINE
ASSIMILATION EFFORT, GOI WILL FACE EXISTENCE OF RICH MINORITY
OF DOUBTFUL LOYALTY AT A TIME OF GROWING PRC PRESTIGE.
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